-Tolstoi, writing in the Russian Gahe lives. The rye harvest has been very Francisco Chronicle. poor, and oats have entirely failed. There is a complete dearth of firing. and, added to this, the people have used up their last reserve of strength in the miseries they endured last winter.

-Western Australia with its enormous territory does not supply enough cattle and sheep for local consumption. This land is remarkable for its immense area of arid sand upon which the only green thing that flourishes is the inevitable gumtree. Of grass there is almost none, and even the kangaroos are half starved. The non-arrival of a cargo of live stock by steamer from South Australia is sometimes a serious matter in the more western col-

-The Royal Humane society has awarded its silver medal to Boatswain M'Dermott for an extraordinary feat of bravery. Two sailors of the war ship Swallow were bathing from a boat in the sea off Zanzibar, when a shark appeared. M'Dermott, who remained in the boat, was clever enough to leap from the boat square on the shark's back just as the latter came alongside for his prey. The fish was frightened off for time enough to pull all three men aboard the boat.

-The sultan of Turkey has made a vigorous break through the trammels of national tradition, and has given an order that Turkey shall take a place in the march of civilization. He has granted concessions for the construction of long railways which will open up his territory to the east, the north and the south, all having their termini at Constantinople. One is to extend to Damascus, and another, the Tigris & Euphrates railway, to the Persian gulf. The concessions have been granted to German and Belgian firms, English firms being entirely left out.

-Efforts are being made to establish a trade for South African tomatoes and potatoes in London. Tomatoes would be needed in the London market during January, February and March, and potatoes during February, March and April, and it is urged that the latter be grown in red soil where possible. The London vegetable dealers are prepared to pay from one and one-half to two cents per pound for tomatoes, which would pay the farmers, one of whom guarantees to supply from eighty to one hundred tons of the Acme and Perfection varieties.

-Out of a population of 30,000,000 in Prussia only 2,435,858 persons possess an income of over 900 marks a year, which is equal to about \$325. This fact is shown by the first year's results of in cipher writing. It is well known the new income tax in Prussia. Two million one hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine pay income tax on the lowest scale—that is, an income of between 900 and 3,000 marks. Only 10,698 persons have incomes of over 30,000 marks, or about \$7,000 a year. The highest income declared is 6,760,000 marks, and from the locality where it was registered the person is supposed to be Krupp, the gun-maker of Essen.

SOUTH SEA ARMOR.

Coats of Mail Made of Cocoa Fiber and Human Hair.

The academy of sciences has added to the treasures of the museum a complete suit of ancient armor from the Gilbert islands. Also some odd pieces of warlike paraphernalia used or worn by the dusky warriors. All of these articles are believed to be at least one hundred

The coat of mail and helmet, all in one piece, looks when off the wearer which, by copying on Y's typewriter, like a big wicker chair. When on, the back of the chair apparently rises above the wearer's head, which passes up through the seat of the chair. The low arms, which are really straps, pass over his shoulders. The solid portion of the lower part is the corselet, fastening around the body.

This curious garment is made of cocoanut fiber, twisted around and around over thick cords, making a dense fabric stiff and stout as board. In color it resembles unbleached linen. The material is woven by hand, after tern suggesting grotesque human figures. This curious needlework is executed with cords made of twisted hu-

With the singular garment just de scribed are worn a yoke and a pair of sleeves, also in one piece. Also, a pair of leggings with a short skirt at the top The skirt, leggings, sleeves and yoke are made of brown cocoanut fiber, braided and knotted, until it looks very much like the common cocoa matting. The thickness of these garments is something surprising. It would seem that arrows or spears could not penetrate this fab-ric. The coat of mail keeps all portions of the costume in place. The chair-like projection above the head is intended to ward off arrows.

The work of making this costume must have been incredibly tedious, judging by the fineness and regularity of twist, stitch, strand and mesh. No doubt this outfit of a heathen warrior, represents the labor of years and the slavery of women. Possibly, carnage in addition, as the hair used may have been taken from slain captives.

With the suit of armor are two spears, one eleven feet in length, the other fourteen. They are long, pointed sticks of cocoanut wood, armed with shark's teeth. The teeth are polished until they are smooth and white as ivory. Each tooth is knotted to the wood by a cord made of human hair, passing through a hole drilled in the tooth and another drilled in the wood. The shorter spear has ninety-eight teeth, the longer one one hundred.

About the middle of each stick a eurious piece of skin is fastened to the rivulet to torrents that roared like wood. This skin is as thick as the Nisgars. The storm ceased as suddenly stoutest leather and covered with sharp, as it began, the torrents disappeared, white tooth-like projections. No one the stars shone out and a silence like connected with the academy, knows the grave succeeded the awful pands what the skin is, as nothing like it has ever been seen here before. The exhibit is accompanied by a broad, curving band of the same skin, but whether that any other plano-tuner ever did s alias Thompson, Alias Williams, Alias it is intended as an armor plate or not nebody seems to know.

—A plane-tuner who would admit hame is allus cutting up capers. Here's Alias Thompson, Alias Williams, Alias the Night Hawk, all been took up for taking a good look at —N. Y. World.

With the same lot of curios came three pointed caps, looking like simply worm baskets, one of cabbage palm, two of fan paim, the leaves torn into strips. It is not known whether these

orn in battle or not. A full-dress costume of an old-time Gilbert island belle consisted of a short skirt made of fringe woven from the cocoanut fiber, and necklace, bracelets, anklets and earrings, some of which were made from shells and sharks' teeth. The donation of armor was accompanied by such a skirt; the rest of

zette, says it would be impossible for him to describe the real situation of the people in the famine district. Famine again threatens the district in which he lives. The real situation of the costume is unfortunately absent.

This collection of Gilbert island antiquities was presented to the academy of sciences by John L. Howard.—Sar

A MINIATURE VOLCANO.

It Has Terrified the Indians of the Wichite

Mountains for Eighteen Years. An active volcano is one of the curi eighteen years a fully developed volsufficiently awe-inspiring, as these ened away its discoverers. Eighteen sauce.-Detroit Free Press. years ago Chief Quanah and his people pitched their camps on the west fork of of the Wichita range.

After sentinels had been placed on roused by the screams and vells of the terrified sentinels, and the surrounding country was lit up by a bright glare emanating from the mountain side. They fled without even gathering up their camp equipage. Many months after this event Quanah gathered his tribe together and went back to investigate. As they approached the spot it required all their courage to induce them to proceed near enough to discover the cause of their fright.

They found smoke issuing from the side of the mountain. They imagined it to be the abode of the evil spirit, and approached it cautiously at first, but becoming emboldened as they proceeded at length found themselves near enough to toss a rock into it. From this they set to work carrying stones as large as they could lift and threw them into its mouth with the purpose of filling it up. After some time they found no headway was gained by such proceedings and they abandoned the attempt.

The vent is oval-shaped and is three feet long and twenty inches wide. Smoke issues from it continually, and at long and irregular intervals it sends forth a bluish-colored blaze, as if from a burning mine. There are known to be extensive coal beds in hat country, but even if it could have taken fire from some internal agency it does not seem possible for it to have smoldered for so long a period. It is therefore decided to be a miniature volcano.-Galveston News.

CIPHER TYPEWRITING.

How the Machine May Be Easily Adapted for Secret Correspondence

A correspondent of Le Genie Civil makes a curious suggestion in regard to the possible uses of the typewriter that a favorite form of secret correspondence consists in substituting certain letters for others, each party having the key by which he can re place the substituted ones by those intended to be read. The ordinary typewriter can readily be used for cipher writing by simply transposing the types on the type bars, so that, for example, the touching of the key marked A will print C, B will print R, and se

After one instrument has been so transposed the other is to be corre spondingly re-arranged, so that the key C will print A, the key R will print B, and so on. Then X, the correspond ent at one end of the line, on receiving a cipher dispatch from the other, Y, has only to copy it on his typewriter. The machine, retransposing the letters automatically, will at once give an accurate translation, while X's reply, written on the same typewriter which translated Y's original dispatch, will form an unintelligible string of letters,

will be in its turn translated. The advantages of a cipher correspondence of this kind are that the parties use different, although reciprocal, ciphers, and a comparison of dispatches captured from each will give little clew to the meaning of either. Moreover, it would not be very difficult with some typewriters which have two space keys to make the space keys operate types, so that the document would be an uninterrupted string of letters. Such writing is very difficult to decipher, from the impossibility of which it is embroidered in regular pat- telling where the words begin or end; yet the corresponding instrument, by mere copying, would translate it perfectly.-Chicago Tribune.

A THUNDER STORM.

All Nature Let Loose in Her Fury Amon the Andes.

"The people of this country do not know what a thunder storm is," asserted Juan Segarez, a native of Peru. "You must go to the mountains of the tropics if you want to see the bolts of Olympian Jove and hear his thunders

"There is no sight on earth so grand as a midnight thunder storm in the Andes. Byron describes a night storm in the Alps, and it appears inexpressibly grand to those who have never felt the solid earth rock beneath the terrific electric discharges and seen the forked bolts rend gigantie rocks from mountain peaks and send them crashing down into well-nigh bottomless chasms.

"I spent a night in the Andes in the summer of '88. Our party was encamped in a basin, walled in by three snowcapped peaks. Shortly after midnight those three peaks seemed to be encircled with fiery blue serpents, that coiled and flamed and darted their flery tongues across the triangular space at each other for an hour, while the peals other gift. Count over your list of of thunder followed in such quick succession that it seemed one continual N. Y. Ledger.

crash-like an endless crack of doom. "Bowlders larger than any building ever erected by man were torn from the crage and hurled into the valleys, while nati sandwich? the rain came down like a second deluge, swelling in a few minutes every tiny them?

monium."-St. Louis Globe-Dem

DOMESTIC CONCERNS.

-Fried Oatmeal: Slice cold oatmeal mush rather thin. Have ready a frying pan containing a little hot lard or lrippings, cand brown the slices on both sides. Serve hot with powdered sugar, or maple syrup. Cornmeal mush is very nice fried in the same way, especially if the granulated meal is used in preparing the mush.-House-

-Cauliflower: Pick off the outer leaves, wash well, and put to soak in cold water for one hour; stand in a kettle of boiling water with the stem downward, add a teaspoon of salt, cover the kettle, and boil half an hour. When done, lift carefully from the water, stand the cauliflower in a shallow dish, and pour cream sauce over .-Harper's Bazar.

-Elegant Pudding: Cut thin slices of light white bread and line a pudosities of the wonderful Indian terriding-shape with them, putting in altertory. About forty-five miles west of nate layers of bread and orange mar-Chickasha, in a detached spur of the malade (or any other kind of marma-Wichita mountains there existed for lade), till the mold is nicely full. Pour over all a pint of warm milk, in which cano-on a small scale, it is true, but four well-beaten eggs have been mixed. Cover the mold with a cloth and boil phenomena always are, to have fright for an hour and a half. Serve with

-Boiled Candy: For a real out and out frolic there is nothing like the old-Cash creek, hard by one of these spurs fashioned pulled taffy. Put one cup of sugar, two of molasses and a tablespoonful each of butter and glycerine duty they betook themselves to slum in a porcelain saucepan and boil fast other public resorts than the city diber. In the night the whole band was | twenty-five minutes. Put a few drops in cold water, and if it becomes brittle remove at once from the fire, stir in half a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and pour into buttered pans. When half cool butter your hands, and pull the mass into sticks.-American Agricul-

-Peanut Candy: If you want an inexpensive nut candy this may prove sat- August: and the month in which the sfactory. Take a pint of molasses, least number occurs is November. four quarts of peanuts (measured before they are shelled), two tablespoonfuls of vanilla. one teaspoonful of soda. Boil the molasses until it hardens in cold water, stir in the vanilla, then the soda (this should be put in dry, but see that the lumps are smoothed out first) and lastly the shelled peanuts. Turn the candy out on shallow, buttered pans and smooth the top over with a wooden spoon so that it will be level. This is a harmless candy and one that our children relish.-Prairie Farmer.

-Crab Gumbo: This is a favorite New Orleans soup, and follows the rule for hicken gumbo, substituting crabs for chicken. Twelve good-sized crabs will be required, a large spoonful of butter and a minced onion fried in it, half a pint of okra after chopping, twentyfive oysters, half a teaspoonful of "file powder," which is made of sassafras buds, and can be had of first-class grocers. Fry the crabs in sweet lard, and put in the kettle with a slice of ham cut in dice and all the other ingredients, adding two tablespoonfuls of salt and a pinch of cayenne. Cook two hours,

THE WRAPPER.

Some of the Latest Concelts and Eccen-

A cosey dressing gown is of pale blue flannel, a woollen web with a soft silk warp, simply fastened about the waist with a cord and heavy tassels of black. Over the sleeves are full caps embroidered in a point about the edge with black, and above this three rows of feather stitching, one above the other, and each extending up with the sleeve at the point where the scallops join together. Around the neck there is a ruffle of flannel embroidered and feather stitched in the same way, with frills a little way down the front to the girdle.

More dainty still are the pure white flannel gowns, with all the pretty stitchings done in pale blue or pink or heliotrope. Sometimes the edges of the sleeves are scalloped, and a the reporting of United States senate single line of feather stitching debates for forty-four years. follows the outline of the scallop one or two inches above the edge. In the space between, French knots are dotted or tiny flower sprays are worked at intervals. Or the scallop may be omitted for a band of Russian needlework, which is simply a pattern in the old-fashioned cross-stitch em- Union cub in Montreal and lives in broidery that our grandmothers wrought on sampler and that our mothers counted out on Java canvas. And this pattern is to be done in black or a mixture of the old blues and reds seen in Holbein work, if it would really be artistic and according to the Russian idea. A very attractive and serviceable gown of this kind is made in red wool with an embroidery of black. Less elaborate, but equally cosey are the bath robes of eider down wool simply bound with ribbon, which may be made to do duty as a dressing gown to lounge in. These are simple, straight princess garments, with little attempt at style or fit. They are cut much on the lines of a gentleman's dressing gown, double breasted, and with large loose sleeves, and are fastened about the waist with a cord or girdle of worsted galoon.-N. Y. Sun.

Real Friends. "The best thing that can happen to nervous girl is to be liked." Leave CATTLE-Native out the "nervous girl" and substitute "anyone," and the aphorism will hold good. Real friends are the choicest of all possessions, not only for the superficial pleasures they confer, but because of the reflex influence which true affection exerts on its object as on the giver. Scores of self-denying, charitable acts owe their origin to this source. A friend who has confidence in your ability inspires you to your best endeavors. The admiration of a friend increases the self-respect and hence attractiveness of the plainest person. Cordial friendship awakens friendship in return and brightens the darkest a sudden thunder storm came up, and periods of life. It is an easy thing to give friendship, and the poorest and humblest has it in his power to bestow this happiness, which is more lasting in its effects and more helpful than any

> An Ohio Delleacy. Cawker-Did you ever try a Cincin-Larkin-No. How do they make

of water with a thin piece of boiled ham between.-Judge.

-"Never would I call a boy of mine 'Alias,'" said old Mrs. Wayback, "if I had a hundred to name. Men by that

ON FOREIGN SHORES.

THE city of London covers 687 square THE Danes lead the world as butter-makers. Danish butter has taken the first prize at most of the world's fairs, including the Philadelphia centennial. Wolves in Russia destroy annually upward of 800,000 head of domestic animals, valued at 8,000,000 rubles. Their number does not appreciably de-

THE kingdom of Hawaii consists practically of eight islands, one of which has more than 1,000 square miles of area and only three others over 500 square miles.

A STEAMSHIP to be used by the Russian government for the conveyance of convicts is being built on the Clyde and will soon be launched. The vessel is fitted below with small iron cages instead of staterooms.

THE smallest republic in the world is said to be Franceville, one of the islands of the New Hebrides. The inhabitants of this miniature self-governing islet are forty Europeans and about 500 negroes, the latter employed by the former as quarrymen, miners, farmers,

THE women of Zurich, Switzerland, have secured the suppression of the Thierbuch, a publication revealing their ages, occupations, descendants, etc. It was issued annually and was more frequently consulted at cafes and

FROM MANY LANDS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA has had forty administrations in thirty-six years. Sweden has a larger area of wood-

land than any other country in Europe. Apput two-thirds of the suicides in London take place in June, July and It is reported in London that another wealthy American gentleman" is to try the publication there of a daily

newspaper on the American model. In the consular district of Piedras Negras, Mexico, there is not a single American commercial house. Trade is entirely in the hands of Mexican, French, German and English houses.

It has been noticed, as a remarkable fact, that year after year the rivers of Russia become shallower. The Vorskla, 150 miles long, once an important tributary of the Dneiper, and often compared with the Hudson, has completely dried up.

VIENNA papers are commenting proudly upon the extraordinary healthfulness of Olmutz, a city of 21,000 inhabitants, but one of whom died in the twenty-four days following October 17. The undertakers are not joining in the jubilee to any extent.

IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE.

A MEDICAL journal asserts that peo ple who drink cows' milk are more and then serve very hot.-Boston prone to consumption than those who they drop off of their own accord. He ise the milk of the reindeer, the buffalo the ass, or the goat.

MATTHEW LOPLIN, of Chicago, has subscribed \$75,000 toward a permanent house for the Chicago Academy of Sciences. The only condition is that an glasses twice that often every year, equal amount be obtained from other

PROF. ANGELO HEILPRIN, who conducted the Peary relief expedition, has N. Y. Herald. just been lecturing in Philadelphia on arctic explorations, and expresses the the mechanism of the organ of vision, belief that the north pole will be discovered within a few years.

THE process of canning fruit by heating, steaming and sealing air tight, was in use by the inhabitants of the old city of Pompeii, as made evident by the discovery of several jars of figs in that buried city evidently prepared according to our present process.

PEOPLE AT HOME.

DENNIS MURPHY has superintended

with the Children" naturally leads all EDWARD GOULD has ordered of a press-clipping bureau all the comments others in timeliness and interest. It is and accounts which may appear about sympathetic, personal and delightful, his father in any paper.

sympathetic, personal and delightful, and shows the good Quaker poet as the its action and truly beneficial in its his father in any paper. JOHN C. ENO, one of the most dis-

tinguished of the American exiles in his poems have led us to ascribe to him. Canada, is a prominent member of the The article is profusely illustrated. fine style. WILLIAM H. ENGLISH, Hancock's vice presidential colleague candidate, re- famous by Columbus in Spain. Kirk

sides in Indianapolis, is worth a few millions and is rapidly making them more by his attention to business. FATHER TOLTON, the first American black man to be made a priest, objects to being called "colored." "That word of "jackknifing" in the saddle. The short stories in this number are esis an offensive affectation. I am a negro is an offensive affectation. I am a negro
—a woolly-headed negro," says Father
Tolton

Tolton

THE LADIES.

MRS. LEASE is a woman of modest and charming address. ADA REMAN is said to be a most charming woman in private life. Simplicity, repose and a cordial desire to forget herself are her chief character

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1892.

٥	COTTON—Middling 2 978	"Landlord and Tenant" are charming.
e	FLOUR-Winter Wheat 200 @ 5 15	
d	WHEAT-No. 2 Red 77 @ 7812	The Men and Things department is
t	CORN-No. 2	full of bright paragraphs. The illus-
52	OATS-Western Mixed 361-20 38	trations are beautiful. Meynelle's ex-
•	PORK-New Mess 16 00 @ 16 50	
	ST. LOUIS.	quisite frontiguece of Whittier with
	The contract of the contract o	the children, has almost the softness
e	BEEVES-Choice Steers 5 00 @ 5 50	
e	Medium 325 @ 495	and strength of an oil painting, and is
	HOGS-Fair to Select 6 00 @ 6 55	well worth framing.
-	SHEEP-Fair to Choice 3 75 @ 5 00	Price 20 cents a number; \$2.40 a year.
	FLOUR-Patents 335 @ 355	
-	Fancy to Extra Do 250 @ 315	On sale at news stands or sent post-
73.64	WHEAT-No. 2 Red Winter @ 6618	paid on receipt of price, by D. Lothrop
-	CORN-No. 2 Mixed 3634 @ 3678	
d	OATS-No. 2 3119@ 314	Company, Publishers, Boston.
	RYE-No. 2 48190 4914	
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	Leaf Burley 4 50 @ 7 10	at the close of the leap year, "that you had
	HAY-Clear Timothy 10 00 @ 12 50	at the close of the leap year, "that you had better take a day off."
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d	LARD-Prime Steam @ 1018	sumption comes. A
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f	SHEEP-Fair to Choice 3 25 @ 5 35	caused by impure blood,
3	FLOUR-Winter Patents 350 @ 390	is enough to fasten it
	Spring Patents 8 75 • 4 10	upon you. That is the
-	WHEAT-No. 2 Spring 9 7138	time when neglect and
- 3	CORN-No. 2 4146 414	delay are full of danger.
- 7	OATS-No. 2	Consumption is Lung-
3	PORK-Mess (New) 14 30 9 14 40	Scrofula. You can prevent it, and you can
-	KANSAS CITY.	come it if you haven't waited too long with
	CATTLE-Shipping Steers 3 25 @ 5 00	cure it, if you haven't waited too long, with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. That
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e	WHRAT-No.2 Red @ 67	is the most potent blood-cleanser, strength-
73	OATS-No. 2 28199 29	restorer, and flesh-builder that's known to
	CORN-No. 2 33 @ 3312	restorer, and fiesh-builder that's known to medical science. For every disease that has
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of its strength is lost before the baking is

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Carelessness with Glasses.

"The cost of spectacles and glasses,"

said an old optician on Broadway, "is

portion of people every year wear

first pair of glasses he imagines

he is done with it. He will

have some excuse and think it neces-

sary to give it when he comes in before

six weeks and gets another pair. He

will break one glass, perhaps, or both,

or mislay them, or get them torn off in

a crowd, or the cord wears out and

thinks that it is a rare accident, but

after he has used glasses a year or two

he will find that if he goes about much

six pairs a year will be a low average.

I have customers who come here for

and some as frequently as two or three

ten the cause is simple carelessness."-

times a month. In nine cases out of

-A lecturer on optics, in explaining

remarked: "Let any man gaze closely

into his wife's eye, and he will see him-

self looking so exceedingly small that
—" Here the lecturer's voice was

irowned by the shouts of laughter and

applause which greeted his scientific

Natural.

"I am not surprised. He always was

In the January Wide Awake,

Margaret Sidney's paper on "Whittier

"The Bridge that Spanned the World."

It deals with the localities made

small boy that shows the Howells'

realism in a new vein; Mary Kyle Dal-

las' "The Little Turk" is a tale of

pluck and endeavor; Mary P. W. Smith

in "Behind the Wardrobe" delights all

those who love or hate arithmetic.

The serial stories by W. O. Stoddard,

Molly Elliot Seawell and Theodors R.

Jenness are increasingly absorbing. Kate Putnam Osgood's "Ballad of the

Bonny Page" is full of strength and

fire; M. E. B's dog poem, "A Morning Call," Mrs. M. F. Butt's "So the Snow

Comes Down," and Richard Burton's

"Parker, the poet, has twins."

laft on couplets."-Puck.

remark.-Tit-Bits.

preparation. The consumer is not experim upon by changes of formula that are constantly being made in other powders in an effort to get a mixture that will not "cake" or lose its strength, or that follow changes of proprietorship or manufacturers. The Royal Baking Powder is always certain and equal in its work; a teaspoonful does the same perfect work to-day that it did yesterday,

or last week or month, or last year, While the last teaspoonful in a can of Royal is as good as the first, other powders lose their strength after being made a short time, and particularly after the can is opened.

The exactness with which the active principle of each ingredient prior to mixing is ascertained by expert chemists; the actual prohibition enforced against the receipt into the works of an impure ingredient; the care with which the materials are dried, coated and prepared before their combination, and the precision in packing the powder so that it shall be delivered to the consumer in the perfect condition in which it leaves the factory. are some of the details which go to make the perfect "Royal."

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and his face has a constant sardonyx "And being a king of topaz, he has

quite a ruby nose," further said Bowles. -The Jewelers' Circular.



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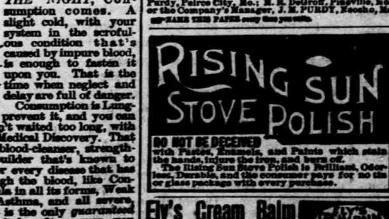
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